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POLICE INVESTIGATE MURDER IN MISSION BAY

San Diego Police Department Homicide Unit detectives are investigating the shooting death of a male at a Mission Beach hotel last night.

At 10:21 p.m., officers were dispatched to a report of 20-30 people fighting in the front lot of the Bahia Hotel, 998 West Mission Bay Drive. The call was updated to indicate gunshots were heard and a victim was down. Officers arrived to find a 28-year-old male in a grassy area on the north side of Mission Bay Drive. Paramedics attempted lifesaving measures, but the victim died at the scene at 10:40 hours.

The preliminary investigation has revealed that a party was being held in a room at the hotel, and a small fight grew into a larger disturbance that preceded the shooting. Detectives are currently on scene, interviewing several people who attempted to flee the scene as officers arrived. No arrests have been made, and the motive for the shooting is not known. Detectives hope to interview other witnesses who left the incident before officers arrived.

Witnesses are encouraged to call the Homicide Unit at (619) 531-2293 or Crime Stoppers at (888) 580-TIPS.

The victim has been identified, but his name is being withheld pending family notification.

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